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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Information on External Dissemination

REFERENCE: ExDir Memo of 15 August 1984, Same Subject

1. In response to your call for subject information, I have included data for the NIC as well as for the DI. You will note that, in addition to dissemination of finished intelligence, I have included a category for substantive briefings. It seems to me that, given the charge to the task force, such a means of conveying intelligence information should not be overlooked.

General Observation

2. I think you will find, as I did, that the volume of material we disseminate (number of individual items x number of recipients) is truly staggering. In the three-month period sampled (15 May-17 August), we delivered--in one way or another--more than 150,000 copies of finished intelligence products to over a thousand non-Agency customers. A large part of this (65,000) was through our cable support network.

Total Generic Output

3. Following is a summary of the data which has been collected. Also included is a brief comment on how sensitive information is handled in each product category. Specific details of dissemination by category and component is contained in Attachment A. Also, at Attachment B, you will find a brief statement of DI and NIC dissemination policy and procedures.

a. Product Categories

(1) PDB: [REDACTED]

25X1

SECRET [REDACTED]

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(2) NID: Published daily in several versions of differing classification and format, including cable, there are some 583 non-Agency recipients. Recipients are screened, and sensitive information is given limited dissemination or is generally not used in a way to compromise sources and methods. All material is reviewed by the DDI/ADDI.

(3) Ad Hoc Reports: These include products such as Intelligence Assessments, Research Papers, NIEs, SNIEs, etc. Some 141 individual reports, with approximately 32,821 total copies, were distributed externally during this period. A system of checks within the DI and NIC, involving the collector, is used to limit dissemination of specially sensitive sources or topics.

(4) Serial Reports: These include such items as Area Reviews, the IEEW, the Terrorism Review, etc. Some 144 issues, with about 18,600 total copies, were disseminated externally. Since there are predetermined subscribers to these products, each Office has the responsibility to ensure information meets the customer's need-to-know while taking account of sources and methods.

(5) Typescripts: Approximately 158 were produced, with 2700 copies disseminated outside CIA. With a more focused, and limited, readership, the sensitivity of the information is tailored to the recipients need-to-know. As a result, this vehicle will often be used for more sensitive information.

(6) Other Memoranda: There were 139 such one-of-a-kind substantive memoranda for specific policy customers. The comments on treating sensitive material in typescripts applies here also.

(7) Special Support Cables: Approximately 540 addressees received a total of 43,000 such special cables. (NOTE: These do not include the daily NID cables or the occasional PDB support cables.) The content of each cable is tailored to the need-to-know of each recipient.

(8) Briefings: Some 1430 briefings were given. Of these, 359 were to foreigners, 979 to US government persons (civilian and military), and 43 to other US persons (e.g. business or academia). As with special

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